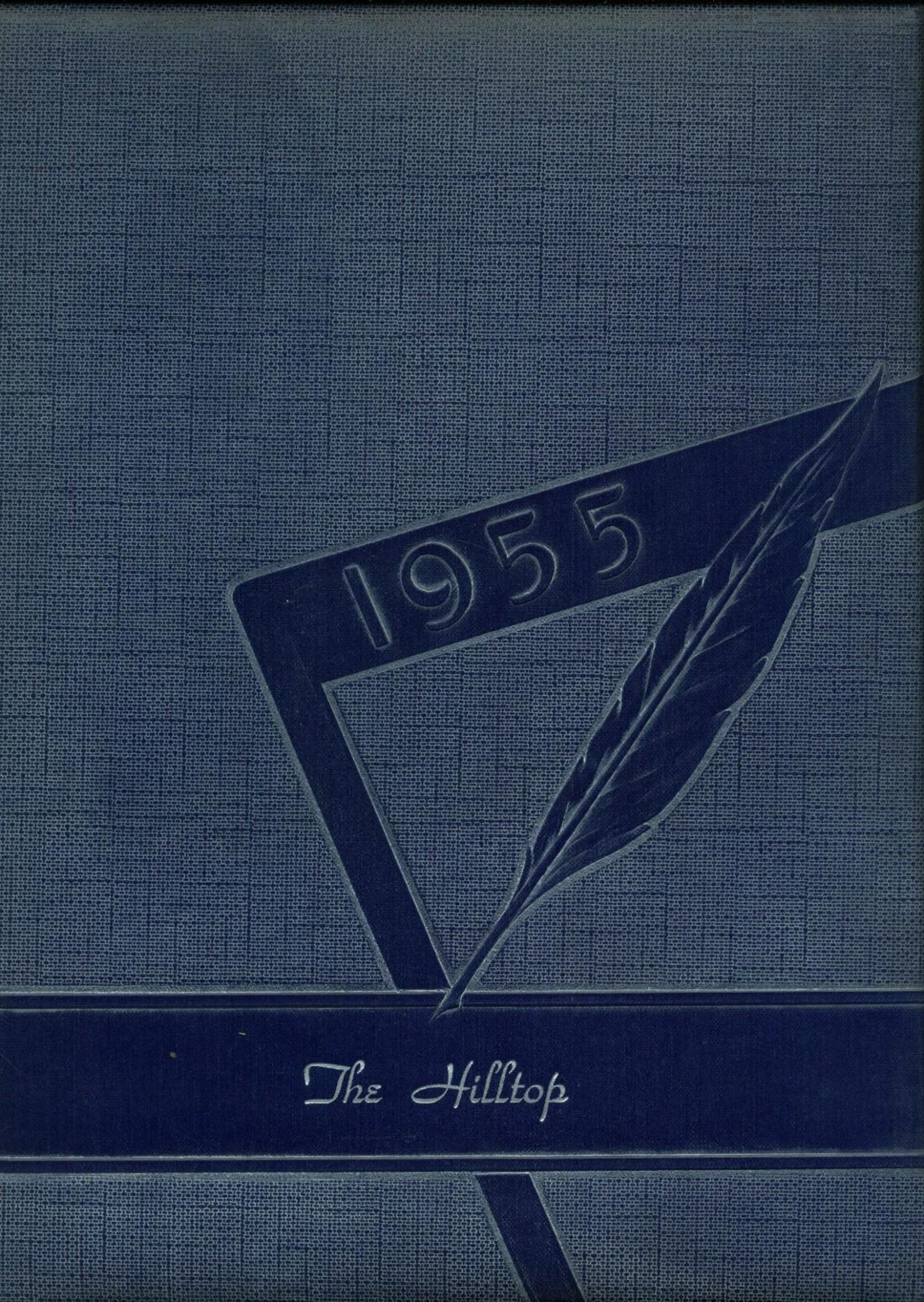
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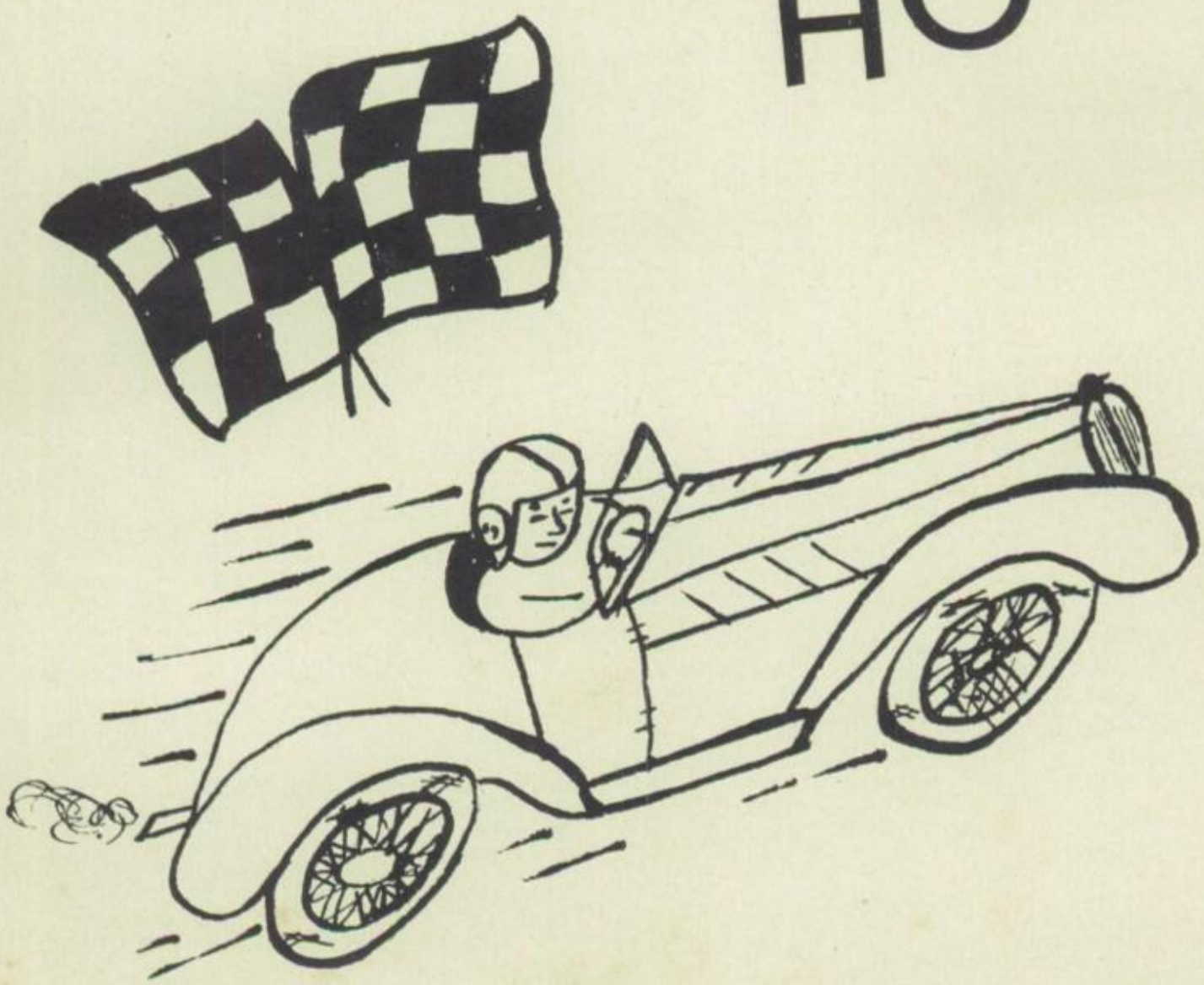

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PLEASANTON, KANSAS

May 1, 1955

Dear Students

WHAT YOU DO NOW, PAYS OFF. A slogan? Yes, it's a slogan; but I know of no investment that pays greater dividends than the investment of your time in the pursuit of an education.

You have no way of measuring the extent of your accomplishments until you come face to face with the responsibility of earning your own living and making a place for yourself as a respected citizen of a community.

I am always glad for the opportunity the Hilltop Staff gives me to visit with you through your annual. I feel that this school year of 1954-55 has been a very worth-while one, and that your dividends will soon begin to pay off.

Congratulations to the annual staff for this fine publication, and best wishes to each one of you.

Sincerely yours

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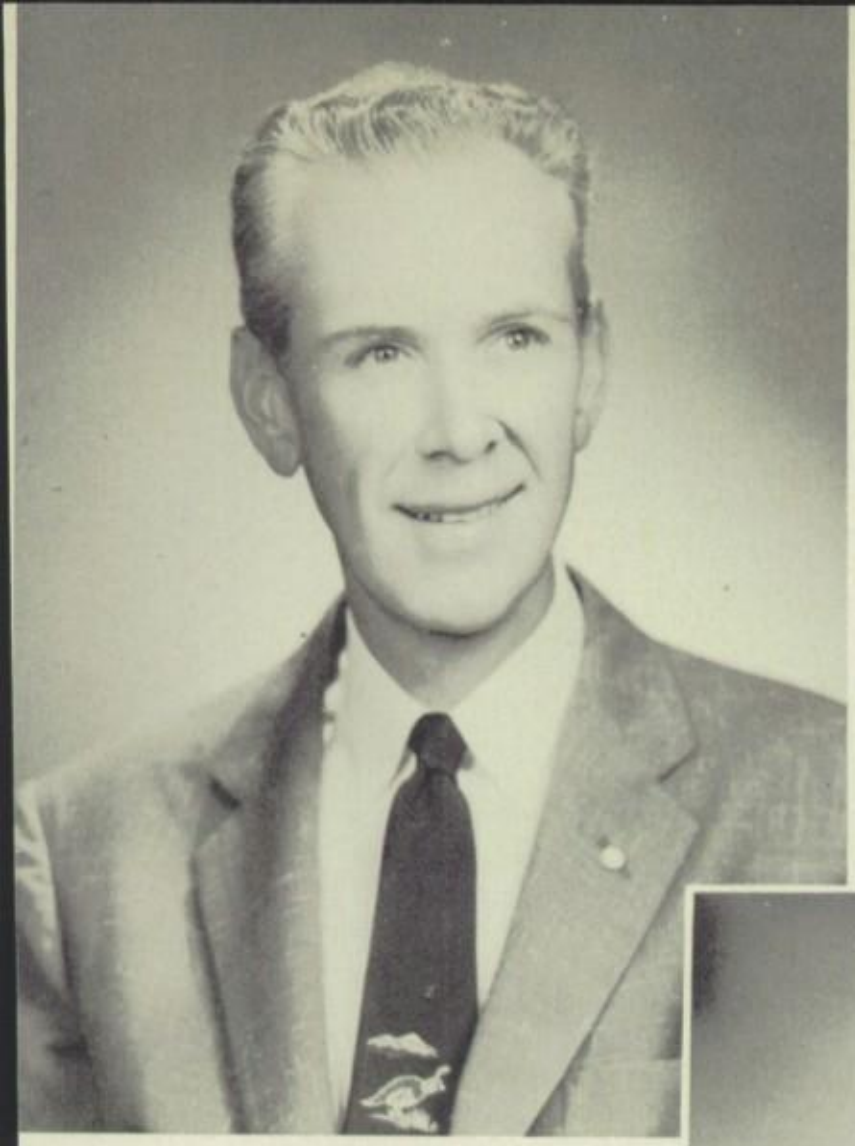

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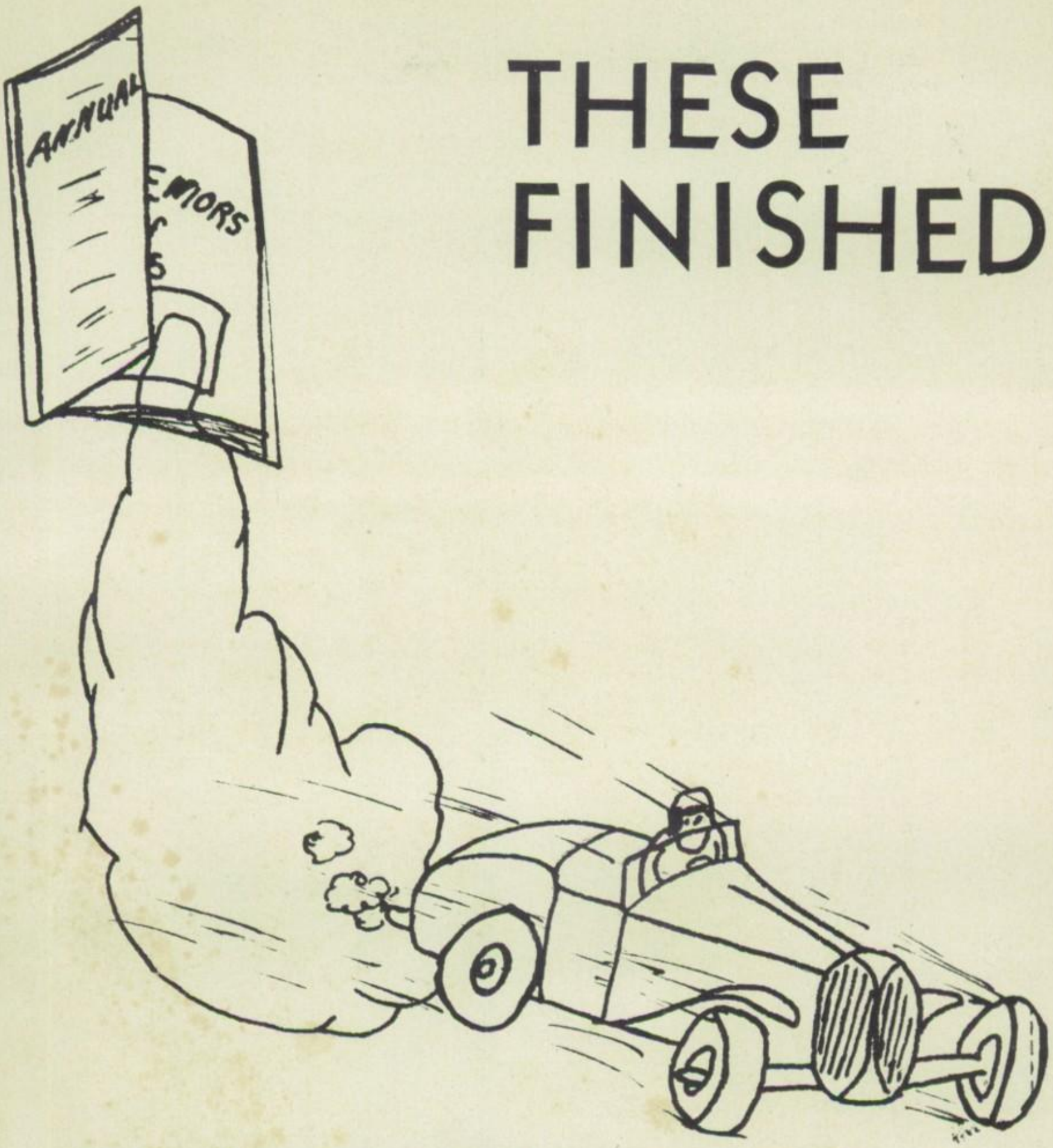

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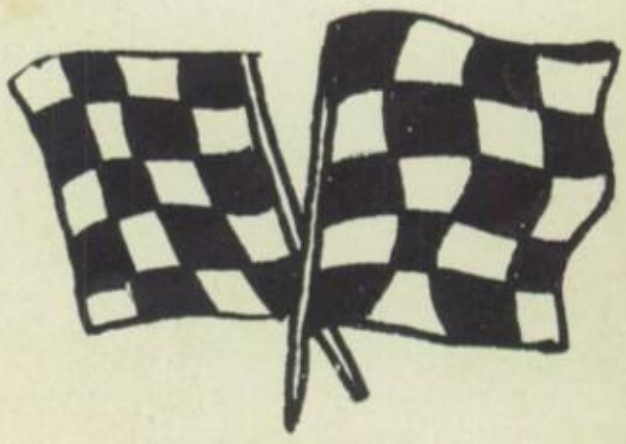

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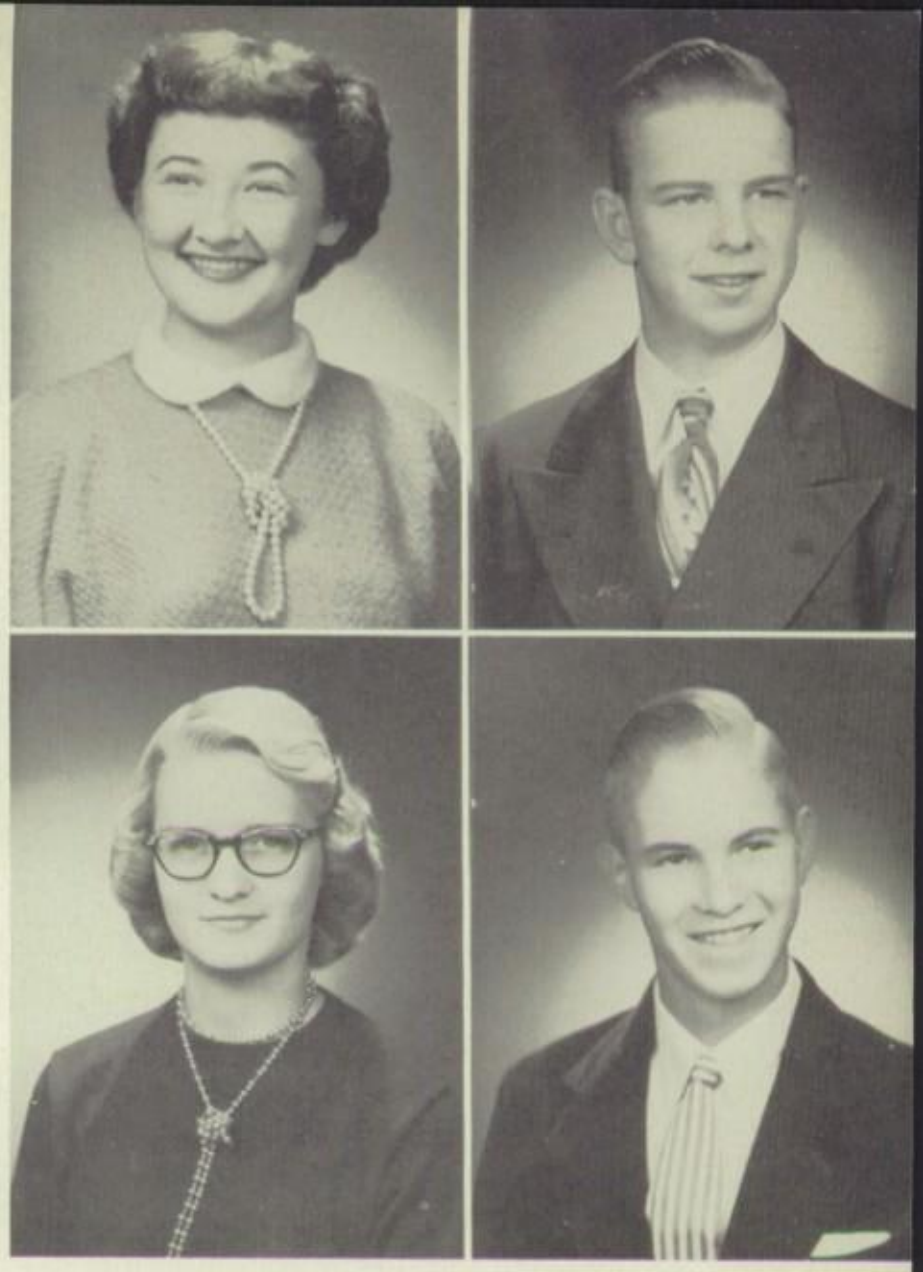
Elnora Albers
"Studious and nice"
Band, Pep Club 1-2-3-4, F.H.A., 4.

Robert Melvin Blackmore
"Center of attraction with the girls."
Annual 2-3-4, Track 1, Junior Play 3, Class Officer 4, Senior Play 4.

Sara Arnold
"The diamond on her finger reflects the sparkle in her eyes."
Office Sec. 1-2-3-4, Pep Club 1-2-3, F.H.A. 1-2-4, Girls Glee Club 1, Queen Candidate 2, Blu-Jay Staff 4.

Larry Gene Carpenter
"Let's go huntin'."
Glee Club, Assistant Janitor 1-2-3-4, Mixed Chorus 1-2.

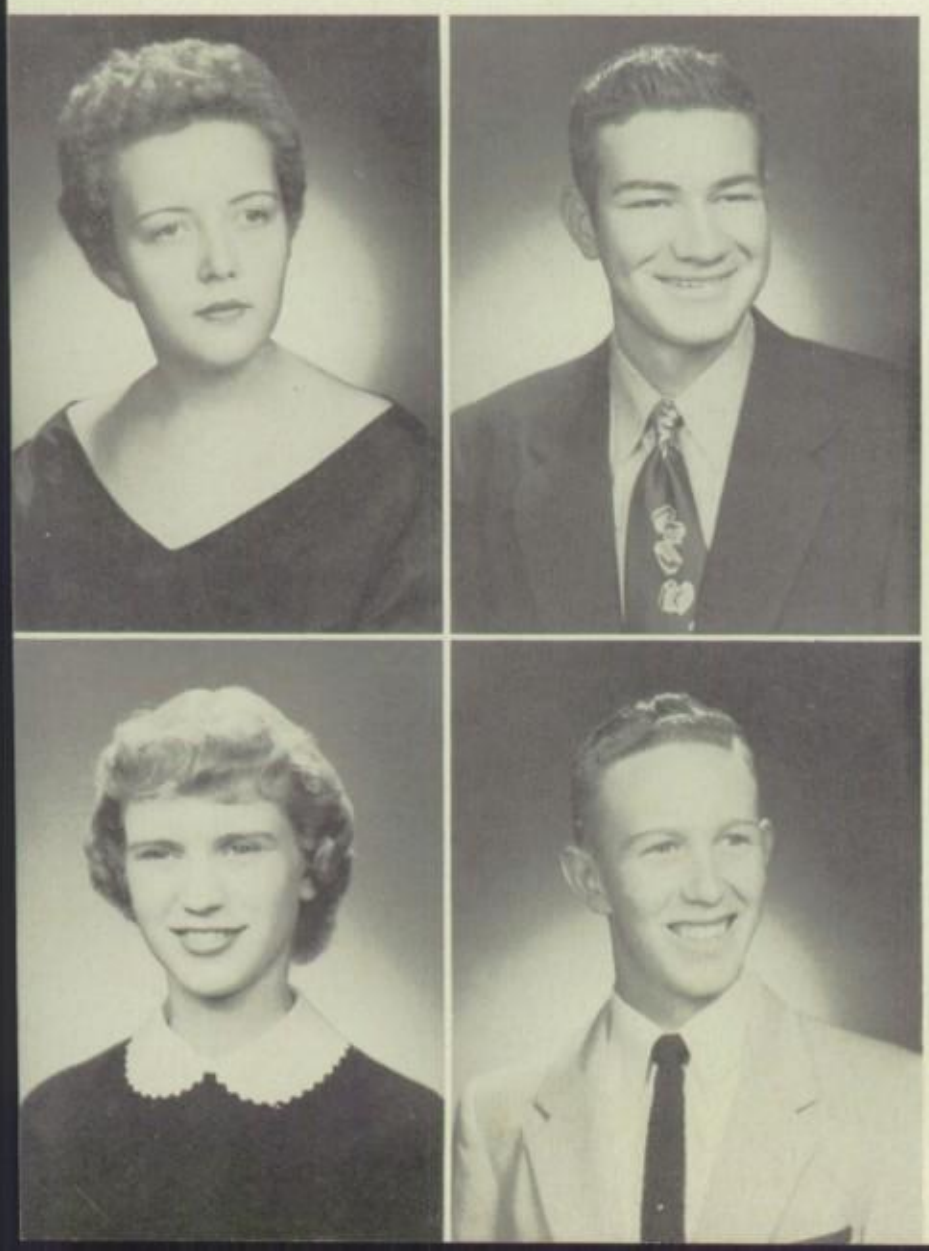


Mary Lou Callahan-"By Gum"
Glee Club, Majorette, F.H.A., Pep Club 1-2-3-4, Pep Club Officer, Hilltop Queen Candidate, Junior Play 3, F.H.A. Officer, Assistant Junior and Senior Play Director, Librarian 4.

Jack Causey-"Rough and Ready"
Boys Glee Club, Track, Football, Basketball 1-2-3-4, Mixed Chorus 1-2.

Carol Lynn Dunlap-"So this is life."
Glee Club, Band, F.H.A., Pep Club 1-2-3-4, Annual Staff 1-3-4, Mixed Chorus 1-2, Annual Queen Candidate 1, Cheerleader 3-4, Pep Club Officer, Homecoming Queen Candidate, Senior Play, F.H.A., Office Secretary, Class Officer, Blu-Jay Staff 4, Girls Sextette 2.

Robert H. Coburn-"Oo-la-la!"
Boys Glee Club, Basketball, Track, Football 1-2-3-4, Officer 3, Senior Play 4, Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4, King Candidate for Hilltop 4, Boys Quartet 2-3-4.



Kay Herring-"Music hath charm to sooth the savage beast."
Girls Glee Club 1-2-3-4, Junior Play 3, Senior Play 4, Class Officer 1, Pep Club, Band, F.H.A. 1-2-3-4, Annual Staff 2, Boys Glee Club Accompanist 3-4.

Verl E. Cox-"Let's have a party."
Track 1-2-3-4, Football 3.

Shirley Ann Hoover-"Life is but a dream."
Girl's Glee Club, F.H.A., Pep Club 1-2-3-4, Class Officer 1, Carnival Queen 2, Junior Play, F.H.A. Officer, Annual Staff 3, Blu-Jay Staff, Office Secretary, Homecoming Queen Candidate 4.

James M. Farmer-"Such a cute blush"
Boys Glee Club, Football, Basketball, Track, 1-2-3-4, Class Officer 3-4, Carnival King 3, Mixed Chorus, 1-2-3.

Edith Wanetta Jackson "Little things mean a lot"
Glee Club, F.H.A., Pep Club 1-2-3-4, Blu Jay Staff 4.

Charles C. Fyock "Huh! Huh! Huh!"
Glee Club, Football, Basketball, Track 1-2-3-4, Mixed Chorus 1-2, Band 1, Class Officer 3.

Lois Ann Jennings "A slight stick of dynamite."
F.H.A. 1-2-3-4, Pep Club 2-3-4, Office Sec. 3.

Clifford C. Harrold "In peace or war?"
Glee Club 4.

Madonna Jean Jones "Everybody's Pal."
F.H.A., Glee Club, 1-2-3-4, Pep Club 1-2.

Charles Leroy Hayes "I don't believe it!"
Glee Club 1-2-3-4.

Patricia McCoy
"A Friend in need, is a friend in deed!"
Pep Club 2-3-4, F.H.A. 1-2-4, Glee Club 2, Blu-Jay Staff, Senior Play, Librarian 4.

Homer L. Jackson
"Well where are the girls?"
Track, Football, Basketball 1-2-3-4, King Candidate 1.
Class Officer 1-3, Junior Play 3.

DeLila Marie Murphy-"Nice things come in small packages."
Transfer from Pratt, Kansas, Band, Glee Club 1-2-3-4, Mixed Chorus 1-2-3, F.H.A. 2-3-4, Pep Club 1-2-3-4, Carnival Queen 3, Pep Club Officer 3, Pep Club President 4, Junior Play, Blu-Jay Staff 4.

Orville Johnson-"All he thinks about is WOMEN!"
Basketball, Track, Manager, 1-2-3-4, King Candidate, 2, Senior Play 4, Annual Staff 3-4.

Huberta Jean Price-"Which way did he go?"
Glee Club, Cheerleader, Pep Club, F.H.A., Band 1-2-3-4, Junior Play 3, Senior Play 4, Blu-Jay Staff 4.

Donald McCulley-"A regular guy."
Football 2-3-4, Track 1-2-3, Glee Club 2, Junior Play 3, Senior Play 4, Class officer 2.

Elizabeth Secrest-"Well I like that."
Pep Club, F.H.A. 1-2-3-4, Glee Club 3-4, Librarian 4.

Terence C. Patterson-"Mighty Joe Young."
Glee Club 1-2-3-4, Track 3-4, Football 4.

Mary Bernice Secrest-"Silence is golden."
Pep Club, F.H.A. 1-2-3-4, Blu Jay Staff 4, Librarian 2-3-4, Glee Club 4.

Joe Patterson-"Tall blond and what do you think?"
Glee Club, Track, Basketball, Football 1-2-3-4, Junior Play 3, Class Officer 2, Senior Play 4, King Candidate 2.

Rosalie Springer "Sparkling eyes and a winning smile."
Glee Club, Band, Pep Club, F.H.A. 1-2-3-4, Homecoming Queen, Blu-Jay Staff 4.

Wilbur Smith "Silence is thundering"
Track 1.

Berneice Ellen Umphenour "Friendly and Sweet."
F.H.A. 1-2, Office Secretary 3-4, Blu-Jay Staff, Annual Staff, Hilltop Queen Candidate 4.

Eddie Springer "Size makes no difference."
Track 1-2

Jean Frances Ward "What a crazy mixed up kid!"
Glee Club, Pep Club, F.H.A., Band, Drum Major 1-2-3-4, Mixed Chorus 1-2-3, Pep Club Officer, Carnival Queen 1, Class Officer, Office Secretary, Sextette 2, Quartette 1-2, Junior Play 3, Senior Play, Annual Staff, Blu-Jay Staff,. Band Officer 4.

Merlyn Leon Stuffings "Where am I?"
Football, Basketball, Track 1-2-3-4, Band, Annual Candidate 1, Class Officer 1-3-4, Mixed Chorus 2-3, Glee Club 2-3-4.

Wayne Lee Torneden "A man with determination."
Football, Glee Club 1-2-3-4, Track, Band 1, Mixed Chorus 1-2, Annual Staff 3-4.

Bobby Junior Wurtz "All around in everything."
Glee Club, Track, Basketball, Football 1-2-3-4, Hilltop King Candidate 3.

CLASS HISTORY

Graduates of '55 will remember when we started our freshman year at P. H. S. with Mr. Forsyth and Mr. Crosetto as our sponsors. We elected the following for our class officers: President, Shirley Hoover; Vice-President, Kay Herring; Secretary, Merlyn Stuffings; and Treasurer, Homer Jackson. Our Hilltop queen and king candidates were Carol Lynn Dunlap and Merlyn Stuffings. We made our first year carnival contest successful when Jean Ward and Homer Jackson were crowned queen and King. We closed our freshman year with a class party in the late spring.

We started our sophomore year with thirty-eight members. Mr. Forsyth and Mr. Crosetto were our sponsors. Teamed with the juniors, we lost the magazine contest to the freshmen and seniors. Everyone enjoyed himself at our first class party. Our Hilltop queen and king candidates this year were Sara Mae Arnold and Joe Patterson. For the second straight year we won the carnival with Shirley Hoover and Orville Johnson crowned Queen and King. This year's class officers were: President, Jean Ward; Vice-President, Homer Jackson; Secretary, Joe Patterson; and Treasurer, Rose Nussbaum.

Our Junior year, from a class of thirty-eight, we elected as our class officers: President, Bob Coburn; Vice-President, Jimmy Farmer; Secretary, Charles Fyock; and Treasurer, Merlyn Stuffings. Miss Yencic and Mr. Estes were our sponsors. We were teamed with the Freshmen this year and won the magazine contest. The Junior Play, "Oh Promise Me," under the direction of Miss Miller, was a great success. We again lost the Hilltop contest to Mary Lou Callahan and Bob Wurtz as our queen and king candidates. This year gave us three straight wins in the Carnival contest when DeLila Murphy and Jimmy Farmer were crowned Queen and King of the Carnival. In the Spring, we honored the Seniors with the Junior-Senior Banquet, the theme being "Little Red Schoolhouse."

Now, we are realizing our high school dreams. We are Seniors. We started the year with Mr. Forsyth and Mr. Murphy as our class sponsors. Class officers for the year were: President, Bob Blackmore; Vice-President, Lynn Dunlap; Assistant to Vice-President, Shirley Hoover; Secretary, Jimmy Farmer; and Treasurer, Merlyn Stuffings. The football boys chose as Homecoming queen candidates: Shirley Hoover, Rosalie Springer, and Carol Lynn Dunlap. During half-time of the Homecoming game Rosalie Springer was crowned queen. This year our part in the Stuntesta proved to be very successful when our candidates, Berneice Unphenour and Bob Coburn were crowned King and Queen of the Hilltop. For the Carnival we chose as our King and Queen candidates Kay Herring and Charles Fyock. The Senior Play "Wild Ginger," under Miss Miller's direction proved to be very successful. During the time of this writing, some events have not yet taken place. We still look forward to Senior Day, the day set aside especially for us; the Junior-Senior Banquet, held in our honor; Baccalaureate, a night especially for the Seniors; and most important of all--Commencement, the climax and ending of our high school days. So remember, Seniors, our future is only what we make it. Let's be satisfied with only the best.

Berneice

CLASS MOTTO

Our Key Fits The Lock Of Success

CLASS FLOWER

Pink Carnation

CLASS COLORS

Pink and Black

CLASS WILL

We, the Senior Class of 1955, of Pleasanton High School, all members being fully unsound and mentally incompetent, do hereby make this our last will and testament.

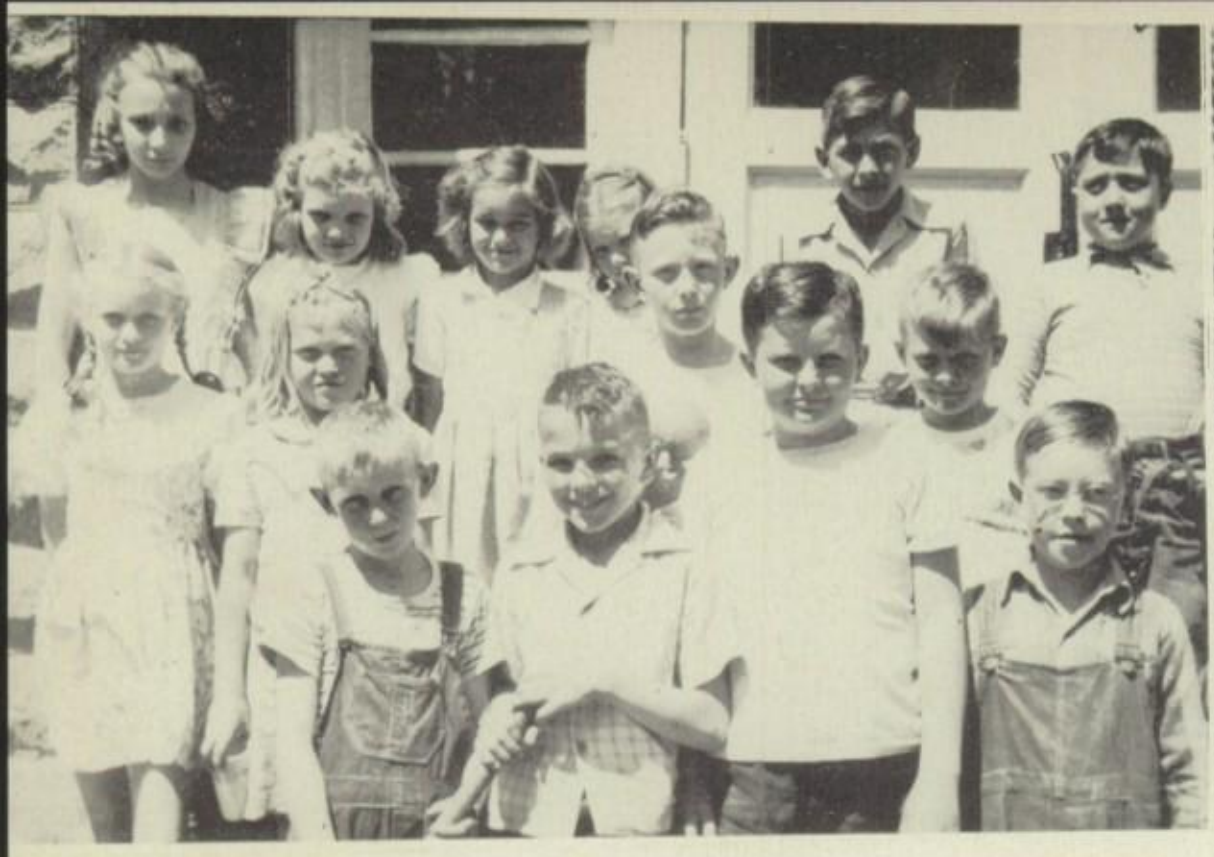
Item I To our honorable superintendent, Mr. J. B. Forsythe, we leave all of our heated arguments to ponder in remembrance of us.
Item II To Mr. Stegge we leave all the overtime from our two-minute speaking periods in Study Hall.
Item III To Mr. King we will the echoes of our concert voices.
Item IV To Mr. Murphy we will our patience. After putting out an annual for the first time, he surely can use it.
Item V To Miss Yencic we will all of our ruined garments.
Item VI To Mrs. Forsythe we leave all of our questions.
Item VII To Mr. Washler we leave all of our bent nails. Sorry, but we must take our mashed nails with us.
Item VIII To Miss Miller we leave all of our old book reports.
Item IX To the Janitor, Harry Carpenter, we leave all of the old gum that remains in the waste baskets after they have been emptied.
Item X We, the Senior class, do will individually the following to the underclassmen of Pleasanton High School:

Clifford Harrold wills his curly locks to Clair Morrison.
Don McCulley leaves his remembrance, "in track shorts," to any of the boys in the 1955 Junior play.
De Lila Murphy wills her Irish name a green Freshman.
Wilbur Smith wills his power of concentration to the Study Hall daydreamers.
Rosalie Springer wills her ability to get bookkeeping in American History class to anyone who needs to get caught up. Or caught!
Verl Cox wills his beard to Santa Claus.
Bob Wurtz wills his driving ability to Rosco Staton. From all reports he can use it.
Elnora Albers wills her seat in American History to anyone who can hold it down.
Sarah Arnold wills her book, "The Early Chick Gets the Diamond," to Joyce Kohl.
Elizabeth Secrest wills her ability to argue with the teachers to Kenneth Wilkerson.
Kay Herring wills her turkeys to anyone who can stand the "Gobbles!"
Bud Johnson wills his wolfish delights of women to Kenny Johnson.
Joe Patterson wills two inches of his height to Bobby Secrest so he can go out for basketball.
Merlyn Stuffings wills his ability to get excused absences in duck season to Butch Bolander.
Leroy Hayes wills his freckles to Billy Makemson's crop. They need plenty of sunshine Bill.
Jack Causey wills his boisterous ways to Shirley Lee.
Jean Ward wills her ability to hear it all, know it all, and add her own version, to anyone who can get away with it, like she did.
Larry Carpenter wills his boyish ways to Dorothy Hein. PHS will need some new tomboys, now that the Class of "55" is departing.
Mary Lou Callahan wills her timid ways to Elmeretta Speakes.
Shirley Hoover wills her wild night life to Tommy Haley. Handle her record with care.
Huberta Price wills her artistic ability with cosmetics to Joan Murray.
Pat McCoy leaves her boy troubles to anyone who can handle them.
Wanetta Jackson leaves her keen eye for spotting mistakes to Barbara McCoy.
Lois Jennings wills her graceful ways to the Offutts.
Lynn Dunlap wills her "Marilyn Monroe figure" to Dorothy Debrick. Oo! lala!
Jimmy Farmer wills his "over-worked jawbones" to anyone who can uphold his record.
Donna Jones wills nothing. She wants to take it with her.
Eddie Springer wills his "Richard Hudnut" home permanent to Gene Mitchell.
Chester Fyock wills his promptness and efficiency to Lois Weller.
Berneice Umphenour refuses to surrender her love to anyone.
Bob Coburn wills his ability to get grades without books to anyone who can get by with it.
Robert Blackmore wills his Romeo techniques to Charlie Strode.
Terry Patterson wills his ability to get along with the Professor to Ronnie Reed.
Corky Jackson wills his perfect attendance to Bob Cox.
Wayne Torneden leaves one-half of the front seat of his car to anyone who is willing to take his life in his own hands.
Mary Secrest wills her dignified ways to Sharon Brillhart.
To the underclassmen as a group; we leave all the good-will we have managed to accumulate during our four years at Pleasanton High School.

PROPHECY

It is now Homecoming at PHS, the year of 2000. As we walk around the campus of Pleasanton University, we first see an old man, bent and decrepit. Could this be our professor from the good old days? Sure enough, Mr. Forsyth is still kicking.

1. Upon inquiring around, we find that Mary Lou Callahan has replaced coal as the source of heat in the school's hot air heating system.
2. Good Heavens, who's that big strong girl over there playing tiddley-winks with man-hole covers? Why Lois Jennings! Of course!
3. There goes Shirley Hoover teaching the twins how to walk.
4. Look, Huberta Price is bald headed. Her excuse, "I dyed it so many times, it died!"
5. Chester Fyock's only remark now-days is, "It's a good-looking world, am I not?"
6. Leroy Hayes is in Hawaii waiting for a grass shortage.
7. Bob Coburn is having a heck of a time trying to argue everybody out of Einstein's Theory.
8. Terry Patterson is still trying to graduate from PHS.
9. Merlyn Stuffings is inventing all kinds of labor-saving devices. They say laziness increases through the years.
10. Verl Cox is now in France entertaining the "French-cuties."
11. Joe Patterson is a Chevrolet dealer. His demonstrations are built around the Theory that Chevrolets are better than Fords.
12. Rosalie Springer--Peatown Librarian--has a problem. She can't think of a file to file her files on her files of memory scrapbooks.
13. Mary Secrest has a new television show, "The Quiet Man." Elizabeth Secrest, her sponsor, advertises, BIG BEN'S BULGY BURGER BUNS.
14. Wilbur Smith has opened a new night club in Trading Post called, "Calling all Dogs."
15. Kay Herring is a "lumberjack." She makes toothpicks out of worn-out pianos.
16. Elnora Albers went back to Colorado. She couldn't stand P. U. without the class of "55."
17. We hear Sara Arnold is a proud grandmother of the children of the two mothers who were her daughters.
18. Orville Johnson--now living in Texas--is in oil. He bottles castor oil in a local factory.
19. We see Berneice Umphenour and Donna Jones are running a lonely hearts club called, "Hearts of Stone."
20. Robert Blackmore is now president of the National Dog-Catchers Association.
21. Homer Jackson is doing fine. He now holds the title of, "The World's Most Perfectly Formed Man."
22. Larry Carpenter is now a "Rear Admiral," as he followed in the footsteps of his brother.
23. Eddie Springer is still trying to get 15 mph out of his Model A.
24. Wannetta Jackson is now singing over CBS, "Catalina Bellering System."
25. We see Jean Ward and Lynn Dunlap are still making their weekly trips to Kansas City, to learn to be models.
26. After thoroughly inspecting the campus we decide to go downtown. On the way down we learn that De Lila Murphy has her own cleaning shop called, "Tidy Didys."
27. Down on main we see a very familiar face--Jack Causey, known as "The Fat Man." He is investigating a murder case. Some guy killed his engine.
28. Well look over on Hollywood Street, is that a vine? Why no, that's Pat McCoy. She now has a patent on the Ann Delafield Reducing Plan.
29. Bob Wurtz holds the title "Mr. Basketball U. S. A."
30. While walking past Linn Theater we discover the show tonight is, "Death at the Wheel," starring Wayne Torneden.
31. The sign over Clifford Harrold's filling station reads, "Lemonade 5¢ a Glass."
32. As we are crossing the street, a big red Cadillac convertible driven by Jimmy Farmer, roars around the corner. As it stops for a red light the hood flies up and out pops the head. It is none other than Don McCulley. The Cadillac body alone cancelled Jim's bank account so Don got the job.



SOME SENIORS OF "55"

CALENDAR

September

6 First day of school
14 Ordered Senior rings
17 Football at Arcadia
24 Football with Kincaid
28 Magazine contest ended
Freshmen won
29 National Photos

October

4 Junior Play rehearsals began
8 Football at Parker
15 Homecoming with LaCygne
16 Mr. Forsyth becomes Grandpa
22 Football at Blue Mound
26 Highway Patrol Safety Lecture
28 Football at Bronson

November

3 Football with Mound City
8 Freshman Class skating party
16 Junior Play
18 Senior girls to Cottey College
19 Class meetings to select
Hilltop Queen and King Candidates
22 Senior rings arrived
24 Feature Picture
25 Thanksgiving
26 Vacation

December

3 Basketball at Mound City
3 Feature Picture
6 Baker University Quartette here
7 Basketball with Arcadia
8 Senior Party
9 Feature Picture
10 Basketball with Parker
11 Pancake Day
14 Basketball at Prescott
17 Basketball with Blue Mound
23 Christmas Vacation

January

4 Basketball with Blue Mound
7 Basketball at LaCygne
14 Basketball at Mound City
21 Basketball at Parker
25 Basketball at Prescott
28 Basketball at Blue Mound

February

1 Basketball with Bronson
1 Senior Play practice started
4 Basketball with LaCygne
8 Basketball at Fulton
16 Last of the group pictures taken
here
16 Carnival contest started
17 Pictures taken at Fort Scott of
Carnival Candidates
16 County Basketball
17 Tournament at
18 Blue Mound
23 Senior comprehensive tests

March

1- District Basketball
2- Tournament at
3- Richmond
4
1 Bob Oughton and Howard Jewel
conducted chapel
12 Homemaking girls to Topeka
15 Carnival
18 High School Vocal Clinic at
LaCygne
25 Instrumental Music Clinic at
Pleasanton
29 Senior Play

April

1 District Music Festival
2 at Pittsburg
8 Easter Vacation
11 Feature Film
29 Grade School Clinic

May

4 Junior-Senior Banquet
4 "Stars and Stripes" Motion Picture
5 County Track Meet
15 Baccalaureate
16 Class Day
18 Commencement
20 Last day of school

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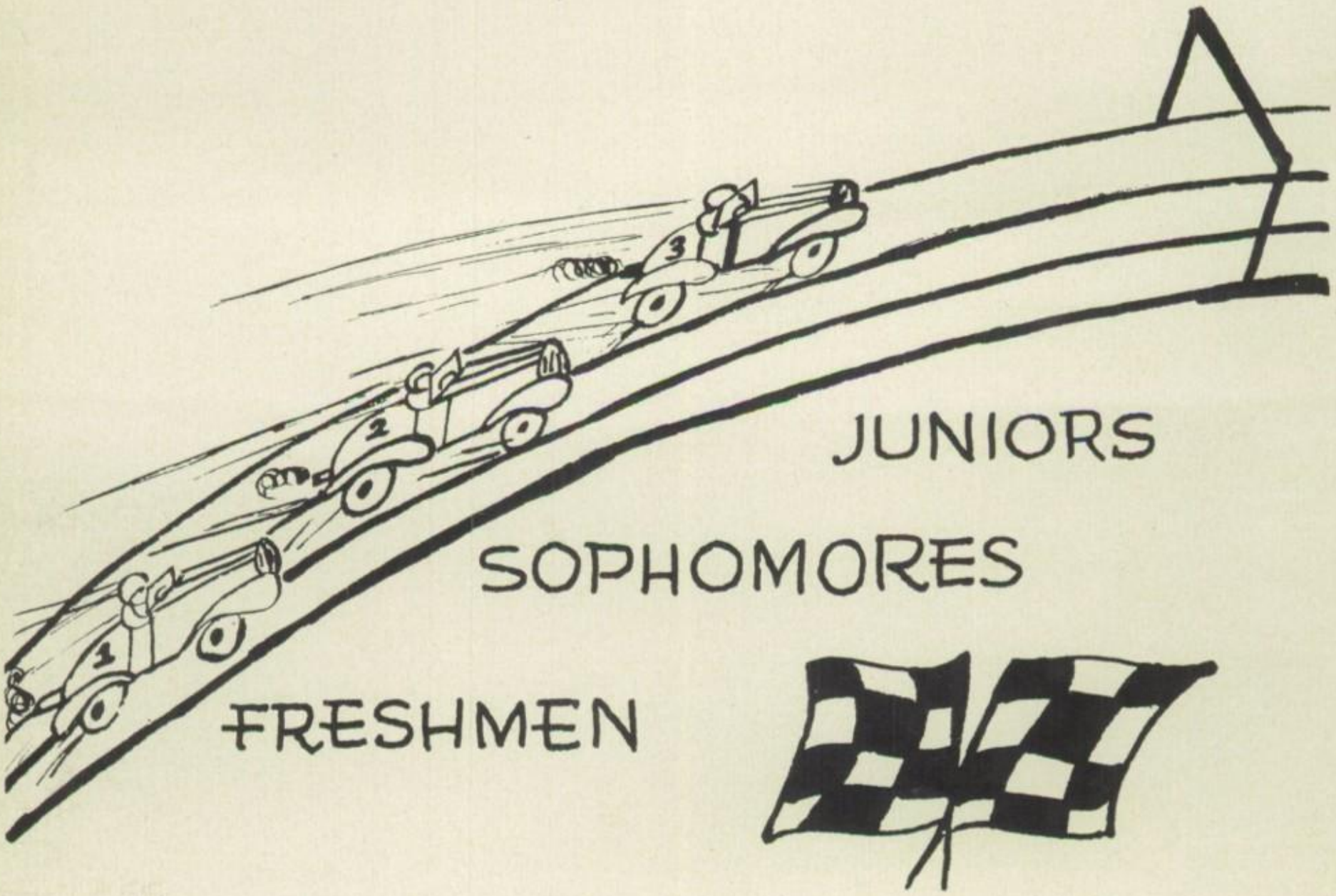

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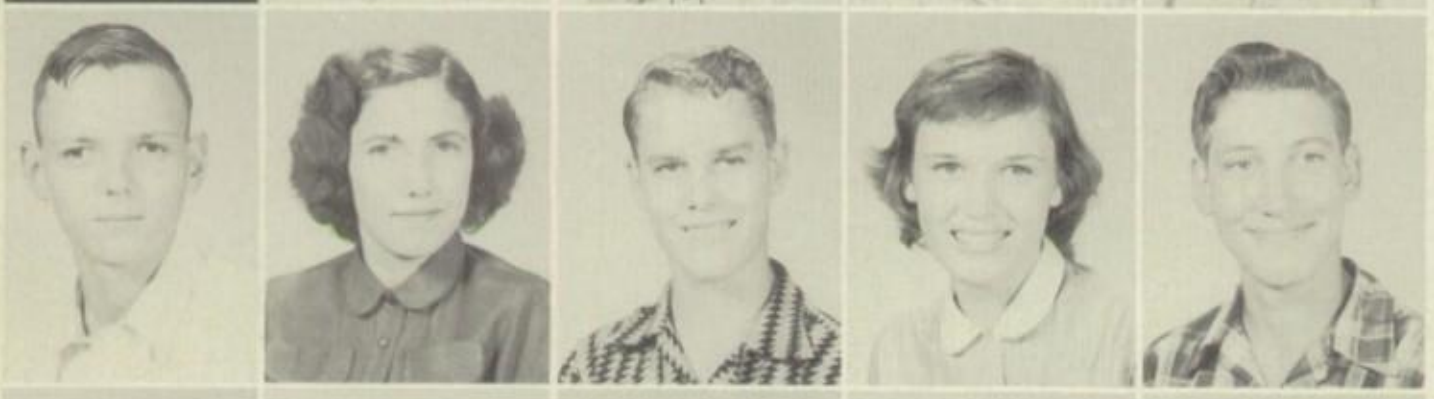

Edwin Hill
Dorethy Heien
Carl Holmes
Janis Morris
Leroy McCoy

Karol Payne
Ira Mundell
Karen Stuffings
William Purdy
Ronnie Rardin

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Howard Searl
Robert Secrest
Carl Smith
Sherman Spence

James Weller
William Wilkerson
William Woodburn
Virgil Wurtz

CLASS HISTORIES

Freshmen

The Freshman Class of 1954-55 had thirty-one enrolled at the beginning of the semester and this enrollment continued through the second semester.

The class officers were as follows: President, Jimmy Weller; Vice President, Sherman Spence; Secretary, Janis Morris; Treasurer, Billy Wilkerson. Our class sponsors, Mrs. Forsyth and Mr. Stegge gave excellent guidance through our class activities.

Our first successful activity was the winning of the magazine contest. Everyone enjoyed a party at the Butler skating rink.

The semester party was held in the gym with dancing and other party activities.

Janis Morris and Kenny Haley represented the Freshman class as Hilltop King and Queen candidates. We selected Karol Kay Payne and Billy Woodburn as the Carnival King and Queen candidates.

Harley Carpenter

Sophomores

The Sophomore class of "55" started out in high spirits.

We elected as our class officers: Robert Baugh, President; Judy Wheelock, Vice President; Beth Bradley, Secretary; and DeWayne Blevins, Treasurer. Mrs. Miller and Mr. Washler were our class sponsors.

Our first contest was the magazine sale. Although we were defeated by the ambitious Freshmen, we like to think we gave them a good run for their money.

Then came the annual sale. We elected as our candidates, Beth Bradley and Charles Bishop. Again we were defeated. This time by the Seniors.

The Carnival has not yet arrived, but we have elected as our candidates Dixie Bradley and DeWayne Blevens. We are all hoping for success.

Our class party was a skating party at Butler. I'm sure we all came back with a few bruises.

Lynda Farley

Juniors

Under the capable sponsorship of Miss Yencic and Mr. King all thirty-one members of the Junior Class experienced a very eventful year at P. H. S.

Our class officers, elected at the beginning of the year, were as follows: President, Joan Murray; Vice President, June Conley; Secretary, Kenneth Wilkerson; and Treasurer, Tom Haley.

Our first class party, a scavenger hunt and a wiener roast, turned out to be quite successful with most of the members of the class participating.

The Junior Play "Hot Ice" was very successful and many individual talents were revealed. Miss Miller did an outstanding job of directing it.

We entered the annual contest with high hopes and determination to win, but unfortunately, our King and Queen candidates, June Conley and Gene Mitchell, were not crowned.

Resolving soundly to come out on the winning team in the carnival contest, we selected as our candidates, Judy Barnes and Ronnie Reed.

At the time of this writing the Junior-Senior Banquet has not been planned, but judging by the work that the Junior class has displayed thus far this year, we are sure it will be a big success.

Joan Murray

1. You didn't catch them all did you?
2. Look real "purty" for the birdie.
3. Just look at them there G.I.'s at attention.
4. I wonder who the fellow is that just finished that long walk. could anyone tell me?
5. Just another "Plowboy."
6. What have we here?
7. Just look at the pretty foliage on the trees.
8. Run for the hills men some of them got loose for sure this time.

1. Those sure are nice looking horses aren't they.
2. Get out of the way everybody cause here we come.
3. Energy on a sitdown.
4. Just look at the cowgirl.
5. Say, now don't you think my britches are becoming.
6. Quite a gathering.
7. What are you doing, holding up the wall?
8. There's another one holding up the building.
9. What do you know. There's some more nice scenery.
10. This is somebody I'm sure.
11. I wonder what brought all this on.
12. Come on in the waters fine.

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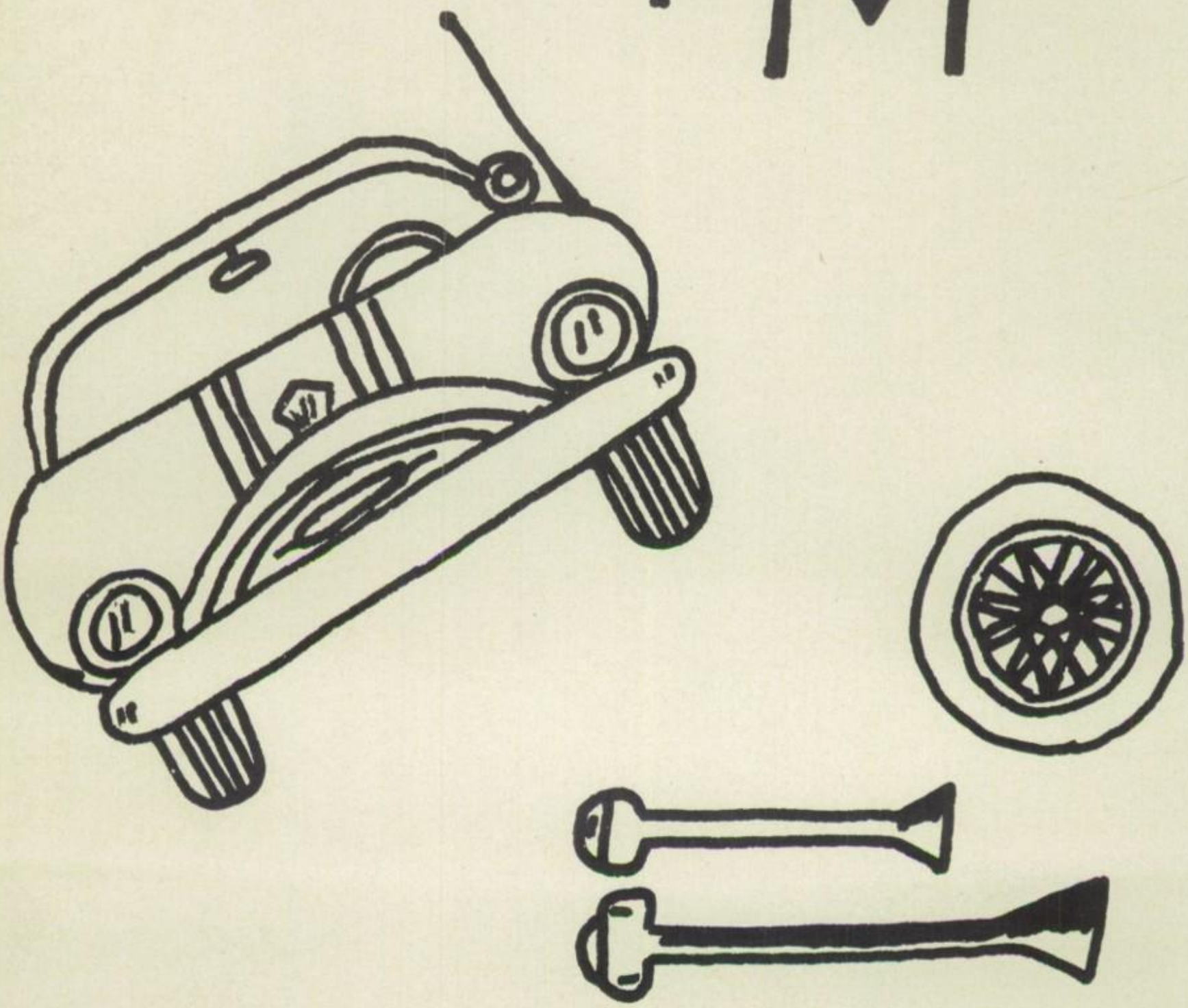

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

SITTING (left to right): R. Staton, V. Wurtz, D. Blevins. C. Morrison, G. Murphy, R. Cox, C. Fyock, W. Makemson, H. Searl, R. Secrest.
STANDING: R. Stevanus, L. Hayes, J. Weller, J. Causey, L. Bolander, K. Herring, W. Torneden, L. Carpenter, L. McCoy, C. Holmes, G. Mitchell.
BACK ROW: R. Baugh, T. Patterson, R. Wurtz, J. Patterson, B. Offutt, B. Offutt, M. Stuffings, J. Farmer, K. Wilkerson, C. Bishop.

GLEE CLUBS

ROW 1: S. Staton, M. Hayes, N. Dingus, J. Barnes, V. Foster, J. Kohl, K. Herring, R. Springer, T. Wurtz, E. Secrest, P. McLaughlin, D. Heien, N. Jackson, D. Murphy.
ROW 2: S. Thatcher, S. Lee, K. Payne, M. Wood, J. Conley, C. Harkness, S. Hoover, L. Cox, L. Dunlap, B. Hoover, W. Jackson, C. Baugh, J. Finch, E. Albers, D. Burch, E. Speakes, S. Brillhart.
ROW 3: M. Scott, B. Bradley, K. Stuffings, L. Farley, J. Ward, M. Callahan, E. Brown, D. Debrick, V. Morris, L. Weller, C. Carpenter, H. Price, D. Bradley, J. Murray, M. Secrest.
ROW 4: B. McCoy, D. Jones, G. Purdy, L. Jurgens, S. Henderson, J. Wheelock, J. Morris, J. Cummins, J. Staton, C. Smith, M. Robinson.

BAND

File 1 (front to back)
C. Carpenter, K. Herring,
L. Farley, L. Bolander,
C. Holmes, H. Price,
V. Foster, D. Murphy.

File 2
K. Stuffings, B. Camp,
L. Daniels, D. Burch,
R. Springer, L. Weller,
E. Albers.

File 3
V. Morris, J. Morris,
J. Carpenter, J. Searl,
S. Brillhart, G. Parker,
J. Cummins, D. McChesney

File 4
J. Weller, C. Morrison,
C.H. Parker, R. Fultz,
L. Cox, B. Miller,
V. Stiffler.

File 5
B. Makemson, B. Woodburn,
R. Rardin, D. Fultz,
F. James, L. Dunlap,
D. Bradley, B. Morrison.

DRUM MAJOR
Jean Ward

MAJORETTES
(Standing)
Mary Callahan,
Coleta Smith.
(Kneeling)
Mary Wood,
June Conley,
Marsha Hoag.

ROW 1: B. Hoover, J. Barnes, D. Bradley, K. Stuffings, C. Carpenter, L. Weller, V. Morris, D. Debrick, E. Brown, V. Foster, J. Ward, M. Callahan, H. Price, L. Dunlap, S. Hoover, K. Herring, R. Springer.

ROW 2: J. Morris, J. Staton, B. Bradley, D. Burch, E. Speakes, J. Finch, K. Payne, C. Harkness, D. Heien, M. Scott, L. Cox.

ROW 3: Miss Yencic, M. Wood, M. Robinson, J. Cummins, L. Jurgens, C. Smith, N. Jackson, D. Jones, L. Farley, P. McCoy, S. Arnold, B. McCoy, S. Henderson, E. Secrest, E. Albers, M. Secrest, E. Spratt, J. Kohl, S. Staton.

ROW 4: S. Thatcher, G. Purdy, C. Baugh, J. Murray, N. Dingus, J. Wheelock, M. Hayes, R. Mundell, T. Wurtz, P. McLaughlin, G. Galbraith, W. Jackson, S. Lee, J. Conley, D. Murphy, S. Brillhart.

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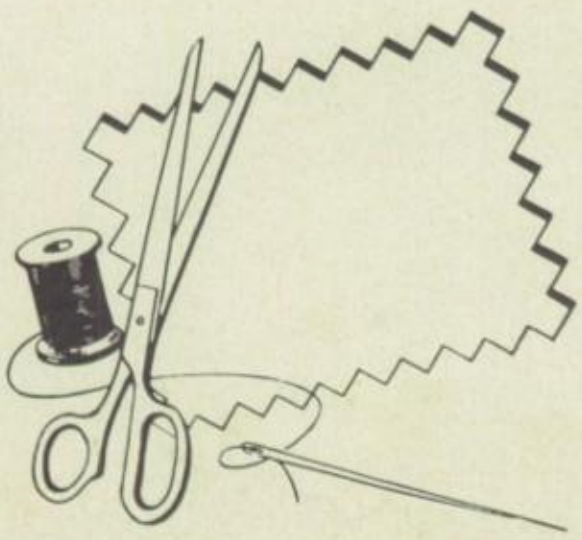
OFFICERS: (Left to Right) C. Carpenter, L. Dunlap, B. Hoover, D. Bradley, J. Kohl, L. Weller, M. Callahan.



PEP CLUB

Left Column: K. Stuffings, J. Morris, J. Cummins, D. Bradley, W. Jackson, C. Baugh, E. Secrest, C. Harkness, J. Conley, E. Speakes, S. Lee.
Right Column: M. Scott, L. Cox, J. Barnes, M. Hayes, M. Secrest, J. Staton, N. Jackson, P. McLaughlin, V. Foster, S. Staton, R. Springer, D. Murphy, K. Payne, M. Wood.
Back Row: J. Ward, C. Smith, S. Hoover, C. Dunlap, J. Murray, H. Price, J. Wheelock, B. Bradley; Row 4: L. Farley, M. Callahan, D. Debrick, P. McCoy, S. Henderson. Row 3: J. Kohl, L. Weller, C. Carpenter, T. Wurtz. Row 2: B. McCoy, O. Spratt, N. Dingus. Row 1: J. Finch, E. Albers.

Pep Club Officers:
C. Smith, Vice President
V. Foster, Treasurer
D. Murphy, President
K. Payne, Secretary

Cheerleaders:
S. Hoover
Lynn Dunlap
Joan Murray
Huberta Price

PEP CLUB OFFICERS

CHEERLEADERS

BLUE-JAY STAFF

Left to right: Huberta Price, DeLila Murphy, Jean Ward, Berneice Umphenour, Mary Secrest, Wanetta Jackson, Shirley Hoover, Lynn Dunlap, Rosalie Springer, Sara Arnold, Pat McCoy.

These girls under the supervision of Mrs. Forsyth are responsible for the production of our school paper, "The Blu-Jay."

The honor of being editor of the paper was given to a different girl each issue. She was assisted by the other members of the staff.

JUNIOR PLAY

HOT ICE

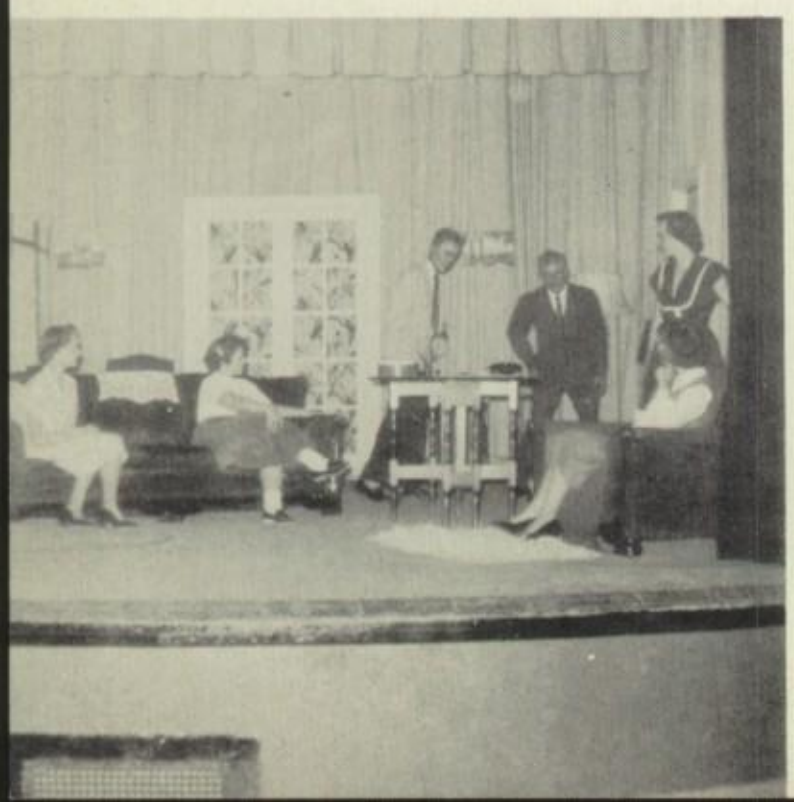
Standing (left to right): Gene Mitchell, Verla Morris, Esther Brown, Sharon Brillhart, Clair Morrison.
Seated: Dorothy Debrick, June Conley, Carol Carpenter, Joan Murray, Tom Haley, Bill Makemson.

"HOT ICE"

CHARACTERS

Velma Warren	Joan Murray
Patricia Warren	Sharon Brillhart
Mrs. Warren	Carol Carpenter
Olivia	Dorothy Debrick
Louise Temple	June Conley
Mrs. Noster	Esther Brown
Miss Emerson	Verla Morris
Earl Wakefield	Tom Haley
Sharp	Gene Mitchell
Matthew Warren	Bill Makemson
Robert Moore	Clair Morrison

Director----------Miss Miller
Assistant Director ---------- Mary Lou Callahan



First Row: Huberta Price, Kay Herring
Second Row: Lynn Dunlap, Pat McCoy, DeLila Murphy, Jean Ward
Third Row: Joe Patterson, Corky Jackson, Bud Johnson, Bob Blackmore, Don McCulley

SENIOR PLAY

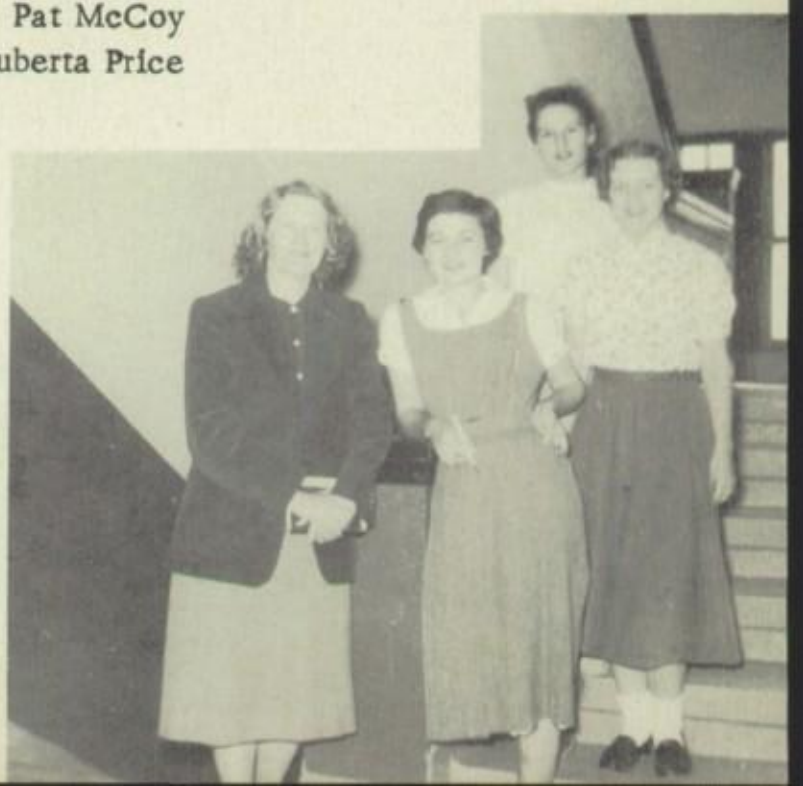
"WILD GINGER"

Characters

Jake Tallman . . . . . Bob Blackmore
Geoffrey Freeman . . . . . Joe Patterson
Sanford Lakey . . . . . Don McCulley
Marwood Lakey . . . . . Bud Johnson
Wuzy Walker . . . . . Jean Ward
Mr. Peterson . . . . . Corky Jackson
Virginia Tallman . . . . . Lynn Dunlap
Miss Rachel Lee . . . . . Kay Herring
Miss Stanley . . . . . DeLila Murphy
Miz Walker . . . . . Pat McCoy
Bonita Lakey . . . . . Huberta Price

Front Row:
Director - Mrs. Miller
Assistant Director
Mary Lou Callahan

Second Row:
Stagehands
Rosalie Springer
Berneice Umphenour



STUNTESTA

HOMECOMING QUEEN

ROSALIE SPRINGER

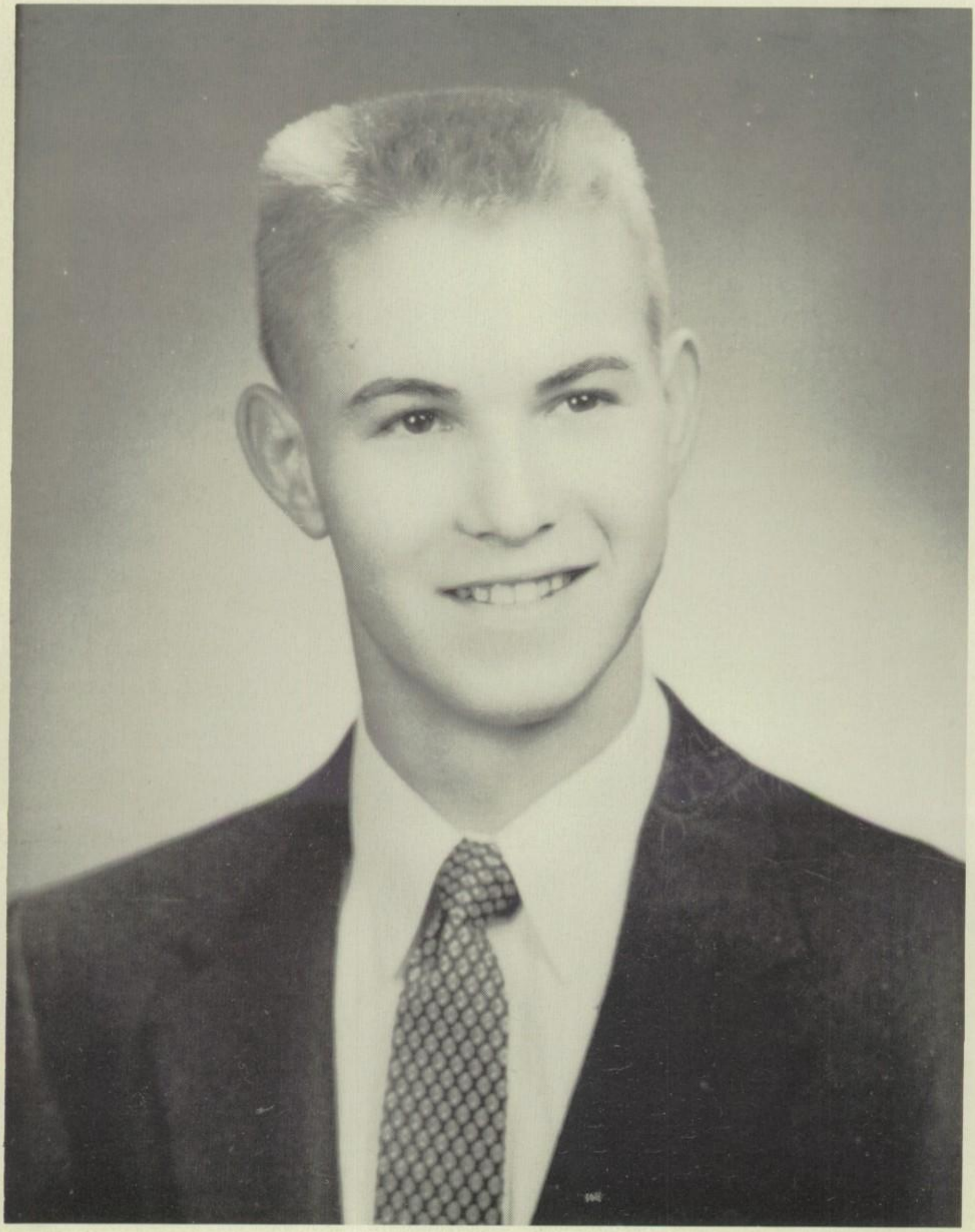
ATTENDANTS

LYNN DUNLAP

SHIRLEY HOOVER

HILLTOP KING

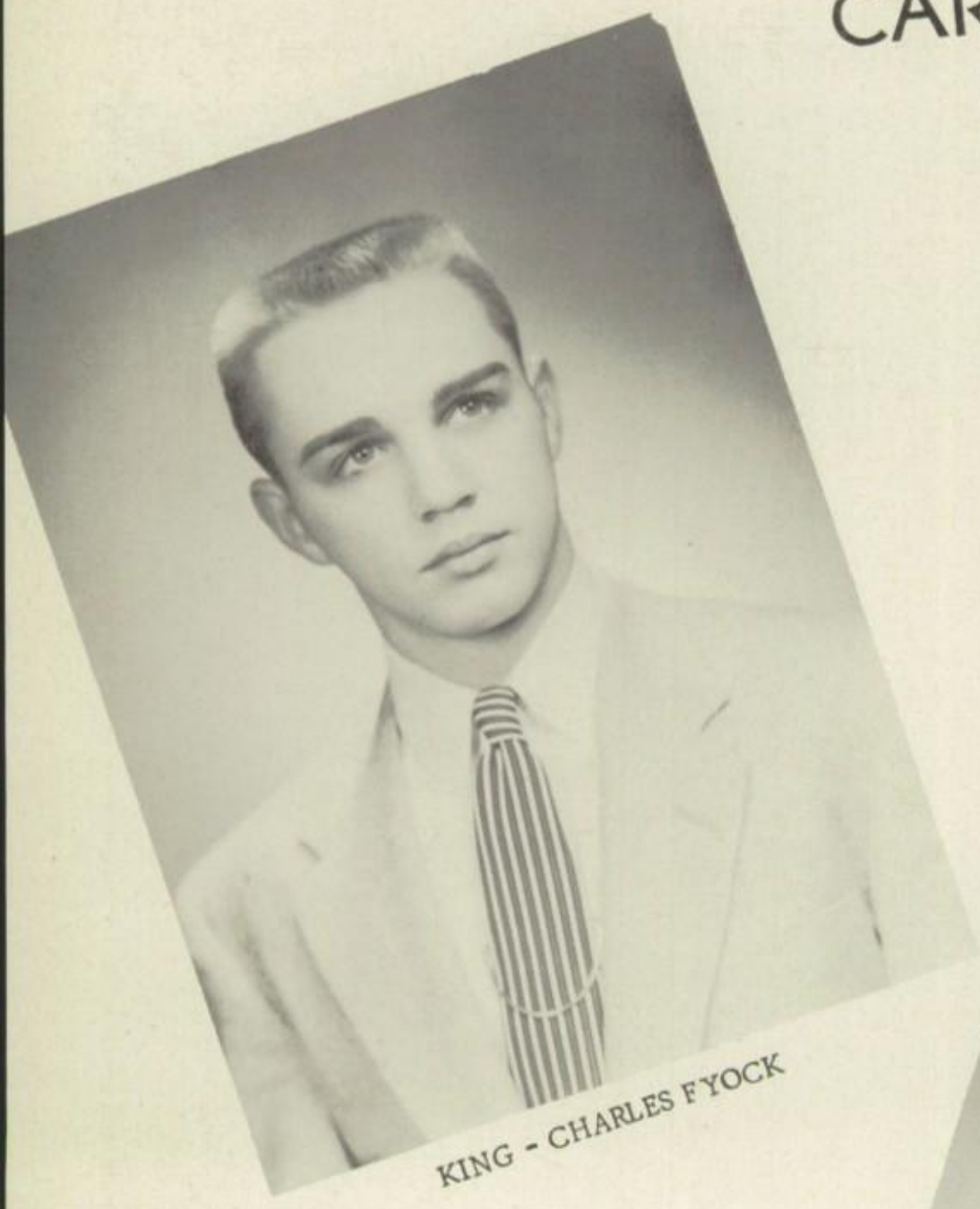
ROBERT COBURN



HILLTOP QUEEN

BERNEICE UMPHENOUR

CARNIVAL KING AND QUEEN



KING - CHARLES FYOCK

QUEEN - KAY HERRING

ROYALTY CANDIDATES

HILLTOP

J. Morris-K. Haley, B. Bradley-C. Bishop, J. Conley-G. Mitchell

CARNIVAL

Freshmen

Billy Woodburn

Sophomores

Dewayne Blevins

Juniors

Ronnie Reed

Freshmen

Karol Payne

Sophomores

Dixie Bradley

Juniors

Judy Barnes

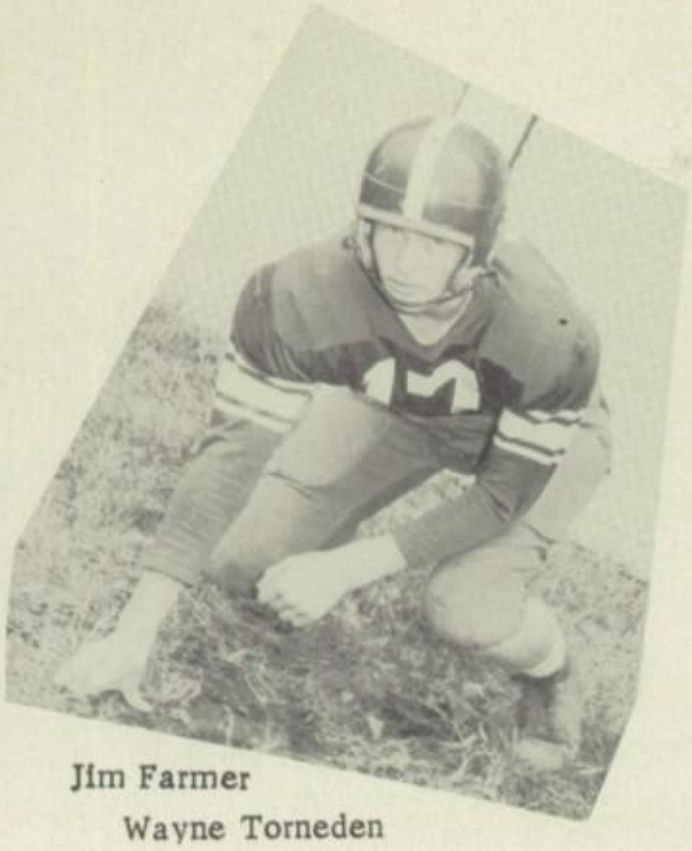
CROWN BEARERS

S. Phalen-K. Conley, B. Rancier-D. Hardy, S. Cox-J. Pointer

Front row: R. Reed, C. Fyock, G. Mitchell, R. Stanton.
Second row: J. Causey, B. Coburn, M. Stuffings, K. Wilkerson, B. Wurtz, J. Patterson, D. McCulley, J. Farmer, H. Jackson, Coach Stegge.
Third row: O. Johnson, B. Makemson, B. Purdy, W. Torneden, C. Bishop, B. Offutt, B. Offutt, T. Patterson, L. Bolander, R. Baugh, B. Basore.
Fourth row: D. Fultz, B. Woodburn, B. Wilkerson, R. Cox, B. Murphy, R. Rardin.

Games Played

September;	17	Pleasanton -- 34	Arcadia ---- 6
	24	Pleasanton -- 12	Kincaid ---- 0
October;	8	Pleasanton -- 13	Parker ----- 21
Homecoming	15	Pleasanton -- 33	LaCygne --- 0
	22	Pleasanton -- 0	Blue Mound - 39
	29	Pleasanton -- 7	Bronson ---- 13
November;	3	Pleasanton -- 32	Mound City - 6

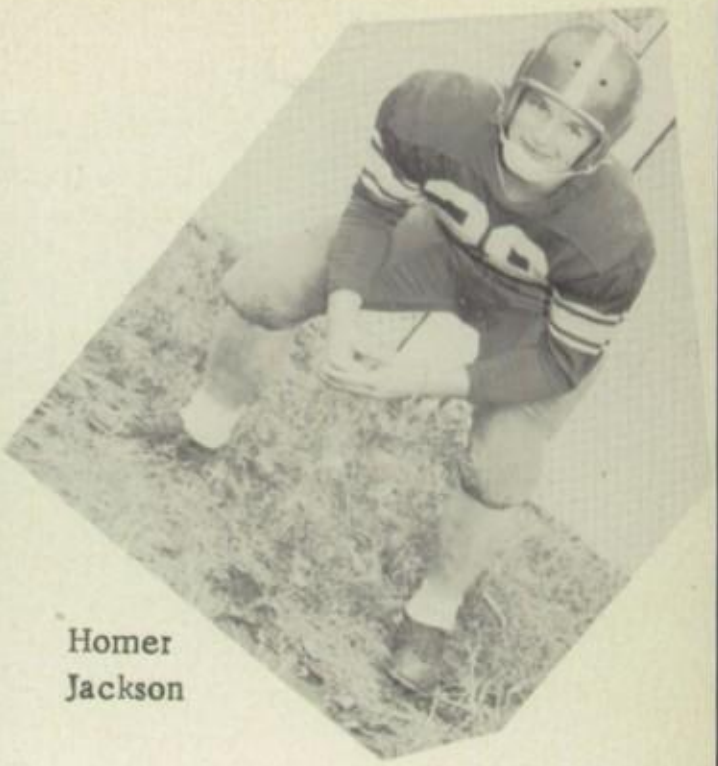


Jim Farmer

Wayne Torneden

Don McCulley

Bob Wurtz



Homer Jackson

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Merlyn Stuffings

Rosco Staton

Joe Patterson

Ken
Wilkerson

Bob
Coburn

Buford Purdy

Ronnie Reed

Butch
Bolander

Terry Patterson

Gene Mitchell

Billy Makemson

Charles Fyock

First row: Coach Stegge, G. Mitchell, D. Blevins, O. Johnson, C. Fyock, B. Makemson.
Second row: B. Purdy, R. Reed, R. Baugh, T. Haley, H. Jackson, K. Wilkerson, R. Coburn, J. Causey.
Third row: J. Farmer, M. Stuffings, B. Offutt, B. Offutt, J. Patterson, B. Wurtz.

Scores:

December	3	Pleasanton	76	Mound City	19
	7	Pleasanton	73	Arcadia	57
	10	Pleasanton	36	Parker	13
	14	Pleasanton	55	Prescott	56
	17	Pleasanton	55	Blue Mound	46
January	7	Pleasanton	51	LaCygne	60
	14	Pleasanton	96	Mound City	24
	21	Pleasanton	76	Parker	42
	25	Pleasanton	59	Prescott	65
	28	Pleasanton	45	Blue Mound	36
February	1	Pleasanton	43	Bronson	47
	4	Pleasanton	62	LaCygne	30
	8	Pleasanton	58	Fulton	74
	22	Pleasanton	74	Kincaid	60

We took Second Place in the Linn County Tournament that was held at Blue Mound on February 16-17-18.

Corky Jackson

Merlyn Stuffings

Joe Patterson

Charles Fyock

Jack Causey

Jimmy Farmer

Bob Wurtz

Orville Johnson

Bob Coburn

TRACK

First row: H. Jackson, C. Smith, B. Makemson, R. Cox, B. Wilkerson, C. Fyock, R. Staton, R. Rardin, V. Harrold, R. Stevanus.

Second row: D. Stegge, L. McCoy, T. Haley, L. Bradley, B. Bolander, B. Woodburn, B. Basore, B. Purdy, C. Morrison, B. Murphy, J. Causey, R. Baugh.

Third row: O. Johnson, J. Farmer, J. Patterson, B. Offutt, B. Offutt, M. Stuffings, R. Coburn, E. Hill.

GRADE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

First row: L. Price, R. Ottom, D. Waring, J. Coburn, J. Bishop, E. Blevens.

Second row: G. Parker, D. Ward, R. Smith, B. Miller, R. McCoy, R. Arnold, O. V. Washler.

Third row: K. Barrier, B. Conley, F. Lindell, E. Galbraith, B. Brown.

GRADES

FIRST ROW: J. Vail, M. J. Hoover, D. L. McChesney, C. Courtois, S. Hamilton, F. James, J. Carpenter, M. K. Hoag, V. Stiffler, M. Bradley, S. Cox.

SECOND ROW: J. Searl, B. Camp, G. Parker, M. Pointer, L. ~~McCoy~~ Daniel, R. Arnold, D. Ward, D. Miller, K. Barrier, J. Coburn, E. Millard, J. Hays, D. Maloney.

THIRD ROW: Mrs. Powers, B. Morrison, P. Wheelock, B. Conley, B. Brown, F. Lindell, E. Galbraith, D. Robinson, L. George, B. Miller, R. McCoy.

JUNIOR BAND

FIRST ROW: D. McChesney, L. Cox, M. K. Hoag, C. Wisdom, D. Waring, D. Barnes, V. Hardy, R. Fultz, F. James, J. Searl, P. Barrier.

SECOND ROW: B. Morrison, R. Lindell, S. Cox, V. Stiffler, B. Stockwell, R. Fultz, C. H. Parker, F. Lindell, D. Springer, J. Carpenter, L. Daniels, K. Barrier, B. Miller, R. A. Foster, J. Murray.

THIRD ROW: S. Hamilton, B. Brown, M. Gray, J. Klopfenstein, B. Williams, B. Hamilton, T. Kipper, G. Holmes, T. George, R. Smith, ~~J. Odom~~ Robinson, B. Camp, P. Wheelock, J. Morris, M. Farley.

FOURTH ROW: J. Murray, K. Cummins, J. Vail, I. Saunders, M. Bradley, N. Sisson.

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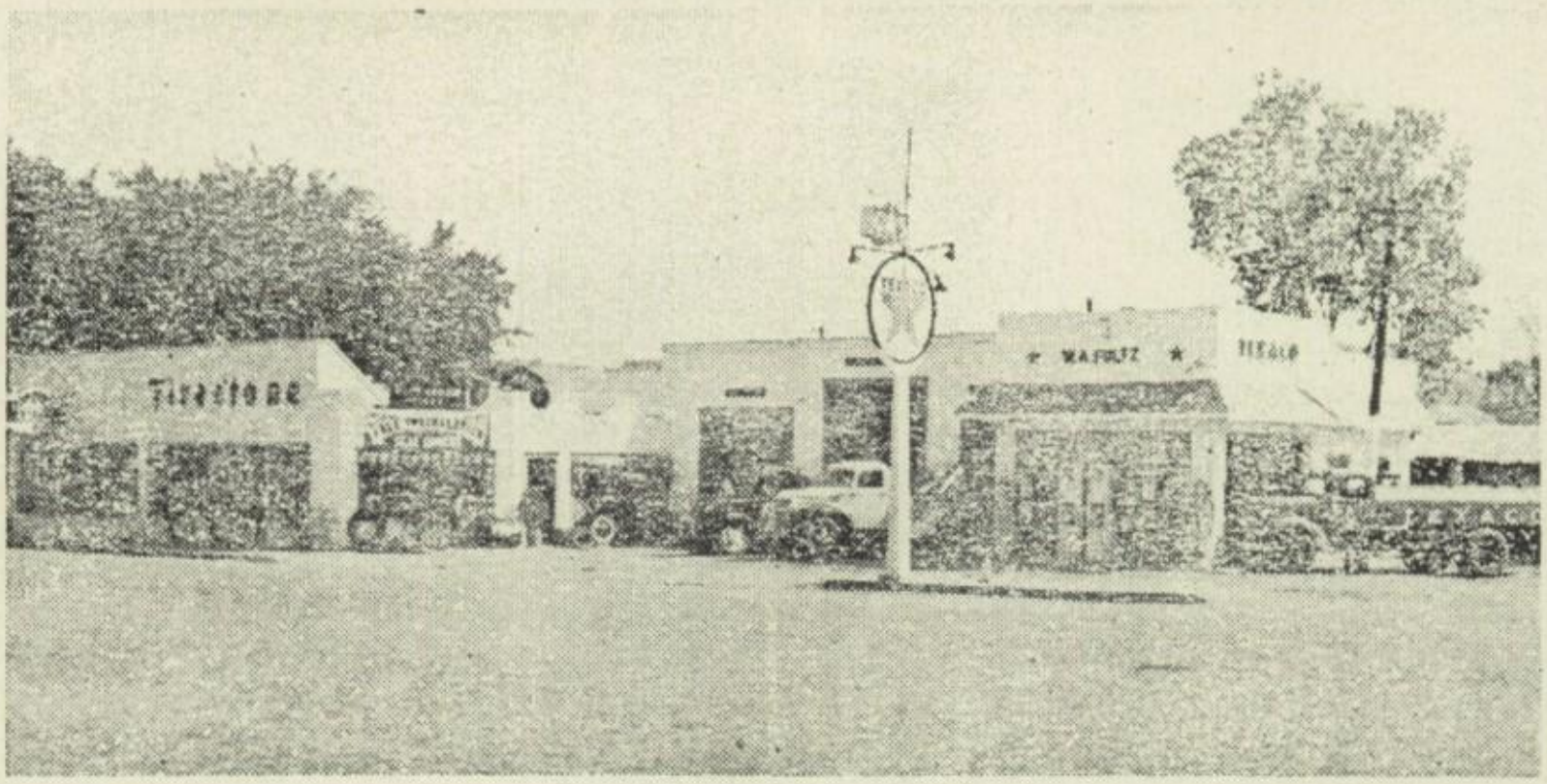

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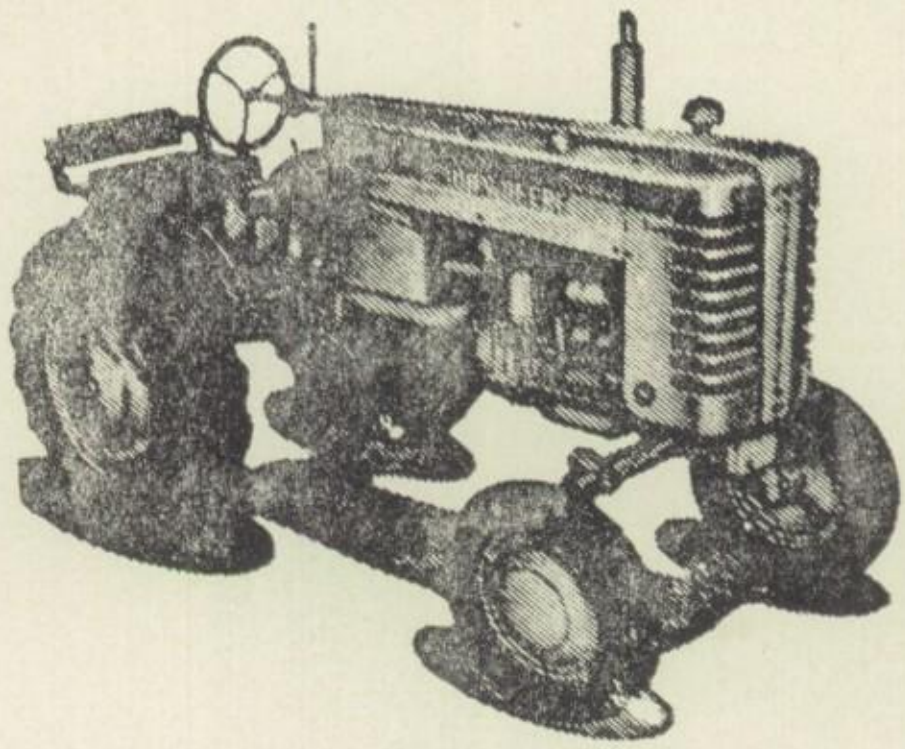

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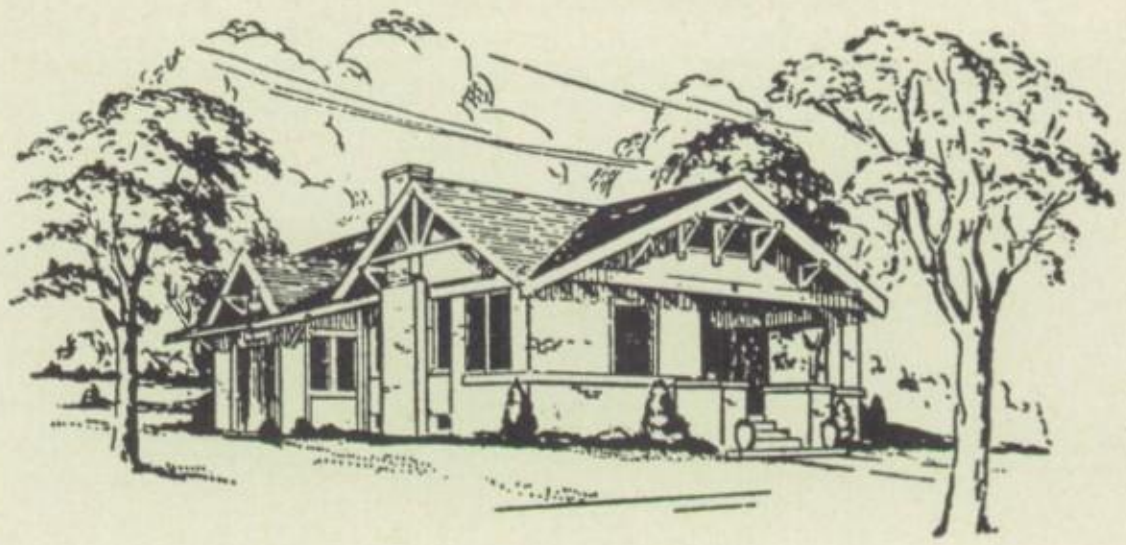

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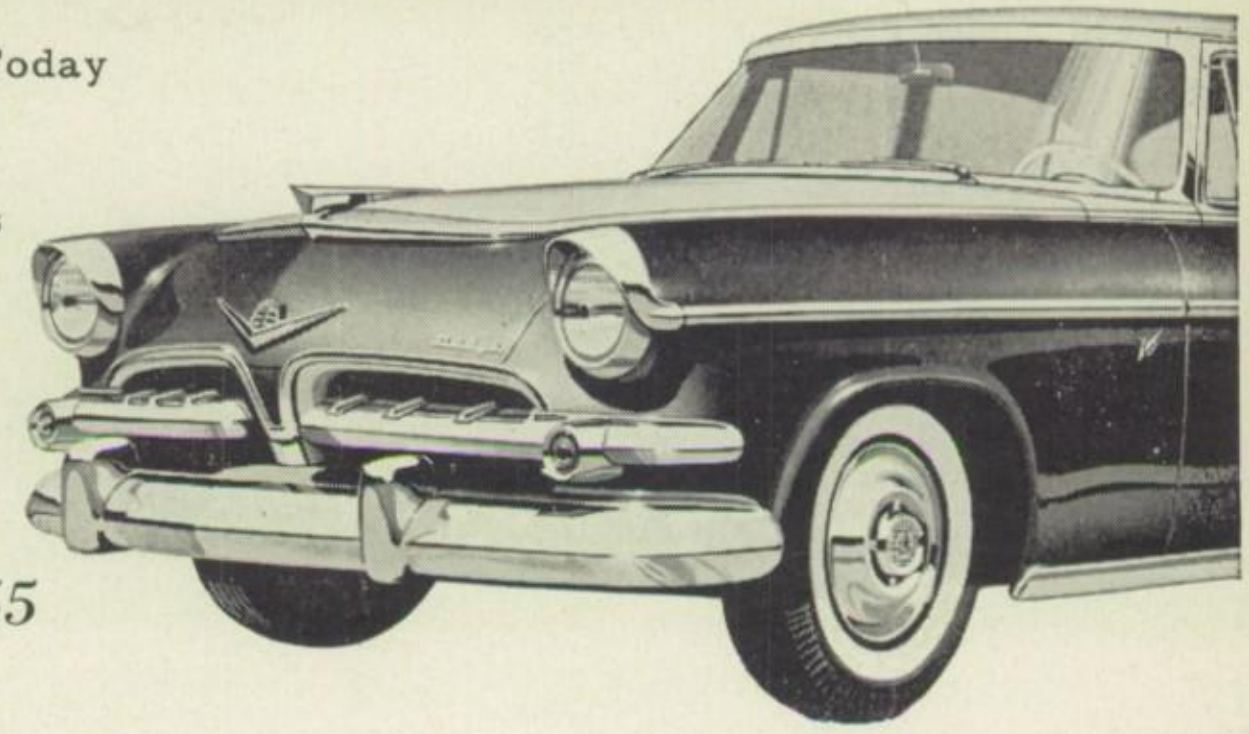

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Editor's Message

Another very eventful year is practically gone here at Pleasanton High School, and we hope that we have caught some of the highlights of this school year in this year's Hilltop.

We hope that in some small way our aims will be achieved and that this annual will help you to remember your high school days.

Our theme this year had to do with something that comes into everybody's life in this day and age at some time or other.

I wish to thank the Staff, Sponsor, and Administration for their help in putting out your annual and we hope it serves its purpose.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Melvin Blackmore

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Editor

AUTOGRAPHS

Michael Gray

Richard Johnson

Love is a wonderful thing it's just like a ligard. It reaches down your throat and gets you by the gizzard

Larry James Kipper

Dennis

Dear Loretta, It has been fun knowing you these past two years. I'll see you at P.H.S. in '57. Best wishes and good luck in the years to come. An eighth grade friend, Phyllis Wheelock

Dear Loretta, upon graduation I have enjoyed Remember the P.G.S. band and orchestra as I had an wish speech friendship for you. Good times, Good trips, Sincerely Good luck, Success & friends, Always Warren (best of luck)

Patsy Carpenter

I think I think I think I'll write my name Bill

Best of luck to the best of kids. David Springer

To Loretta
The nicest clarinet player I know
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Dear Loretta
Roses are red
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Your sweet as candy
Mary Zuchowski

Dear Loretta,
Best of Wishes
to my best friend.
Ruth ann Foster

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